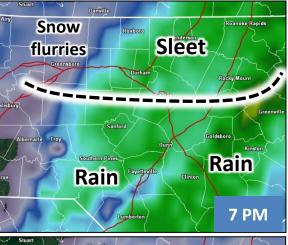
Black ice will likely become problematic tonight









- Models have trended slower with the arrival of the ground-level freezing air.
- By the time the ground-level freezing air arrives, it now appears that the bulk of the precip will have pushed east of our area; however, that won't preclude the possibility for sleet to affect portions of central North Carolina prior to the arrival of ground-level freezing air.
- Where a precip type change-over occurs, sleet is expected to be the primary non-liquid precip type, more so than freezing rain.
- The area with the best chance of seeing sleet this evening will be along and north of highway 64.
- Locations north and east of Raleigh could see a coating to almost a half inch of sleet accumulation.
- The main concern now appears to be black ice early Friday morning, after the sub-freezing surface air arrives.
- Black ice will be possible across all of central North Carolina Friday morning. The northern Piedmont and central and northern coastal plain regions will likely have the most widespread black ice, and greatest impacts to travel.
- Tonight's low temperatures will range from the upper teens near the VA border, to mid 20s near the SC border.
- Temperatures will be slow to warm during the daytime Friday, and won't climb above freezing until mid-day. But sunshine is expected, which will improve road conditions by late morning or early afternoon.
- Winter Weather Advisories will likely be extended in time and area to cover all of central NC through Friday morning due to the potential for black ice.